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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on May 18, 2000 and February 7, 2001, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a European Search Report dated December 6, 2001, with respect to corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 00 10 3970, in which the European Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

(1) U.S. Patent No. 5,805,298 HO et al., which issued on September 8, 1998, was cited as an A-Category document (i.e., document of technological background) with respect to claims 1, 10, 13, and 15 of the European application. The European Examiner indicated column 3, line 22 - column 4, line 54; column 6, line 24 - 56; and figures 1-3 to be relevant;

(2) Patent Abstract of Japan vol. 1998, no. 09, which was published on July 31, 1998;

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(i.e., member of the same patent family, corresponding document) Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 10-107842, which was published on April 24, 1998, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1, 10, 13, and 15 of the European application. The European Examiner indicated the Abstract to be relevant;

(3) European Patent Application No. EP 0 887 995, which was published on December 30, 1998, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1, 10, 13, and 15 of the European application. The European Examiner indicated column 5, line 8 - column 7, line 15; and figure 1 to be relevant;

(4) European Patent Application No. EP 0 785 482, which was published on July 23, 1997, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1, 10, 13, and 15 of the European application. The European Examiner indicated column 5, lines 9 - 42; column 10, lines 25 - 52; column 17, line 34 - column 18, line 36; and figures 1-3 to be relevant; and

(5) U.S. Patent No. 5,767,985 to YAMAMOTO et al., which issued on June 16, 1998, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1, 10, 13, and 15 of the European application. The European Examiner indicated column 7, lines 22 - 61; claim 1; and figures 1 and 2 to be relevant.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted patent documents, together with a copy of a PTO-1449 Form listing these documents, are included for that purpose. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form to confirm consideration of these documents

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and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next Official Action in the present application.

Further, Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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